

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

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4 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
5 Plaintiff, ) CR17-00135-TSZ  
6 v. ) SEATTLE, WASHINGTON  
7 FANG WANG, ) January 18, 2018  
8 Defendant. ) Sentencing Hearing -  
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12 VERBATIM REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
13 BEFORE THE HONORABLE THOMAS S. ZILLY  
14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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1 THE CLERK: Will counsel please come forward in the Wang  
2 matter?

3 The court calls to order Cause No. CR17-135-Z, United States  
4 of America v. Fang Wang.

5 Counsel, please stand and make your appearance for the  
6 record.

7 MS. CRISHAM: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Kate Crisham  
8 for the United States.

9 MR. ILLA: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Stephan Illa  
10 appearing on behalf of the defendant, Ms. Fang Wang. She is here  
11 with me today in custody, being assisted by a court interpreter  
12 in the Mandarin language.

13 THE COURT: Thank you and good afternoon.

14 Are the parties ready to proceed with sentencing in this  
15 matter?

16 MS. CRISHAM: Yes, Your Honor.

17 MR. ILLA: We are.

18 THE COURT: Did the defendant have the presentence  
19 report and sentencing recommendations read to her in her native  
20 language?

21 MR. ILLA: Yes, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: All right. In addition, I have received and  
23 reviewed the plea agreement, the government's sentencing memo,  
24 and the defendant's sentencing memo.

25 Is there anything else I should have received and reviewed?

1 MS. CRISHAM: No, Your Honor.

2 MR. ILLA: That's it, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Are there any factual disputes with the  
4 facts stated in the presentence report for purposes of  
5 calculating guidelines?

6 MS. CRISHAM: Your Honor, I don't believe so. I believe  
7 the only disagreement is with regards to whether or not Ms. Wang  
8 should have an upward adjustment for her role in the offense.

9 THE COURT: Well, I asked about facts.

10 MS. CRISHAM: I'm sorry, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: So is there any objection to the facts  
12 stated in the presentence report?

13 MR. ILLA: No, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: All right. Then I will adopt all of those  
15 facts for purposes of calculating guidelines. The guidelines, of  
16 course, I'm not bound by them, but they give a necessary starting  
17 point for what's an appropriate sentence under all the  
18 circumstances.

19 Based on the facts that are stated in the presentence report,  
20 I tentatively conclude that the guideline calculations as set  
21 forth in the presentence report are appropriate, and I will adopt  
22 them, unless there's some objection that persuades me otherwise.

23 Is there any objection to the guideline calculations  
24 calculating a total offense level of 18, a Criminal History  
25 Category I, of course, a guideline range of 27 to 33 months?

1 MS. CRISHAM: No objection from the government, Your  
2 Honor.

3 MR. ILLA: No objection.

4 THE COURT: All right. I will hear from the government  
5 then as to what the appropriate disposition is.

6 MS. CRISHAM: Thank you, Your Honor.

7 Your Honor, the parties have agreed in the plea agreement to  
8 jointly recommend a term of imprisonment of 24 months. Ms. Wang  
9 was clearly the leader of this organization. She recruited  
10 prostitutes from --

11 THE COURT: So let me just ask you, she's only pled to  
12 and is being sentenced on Count 1, which is the conspiracy?

13 MS. CRISHAM: That's correct, Your Honor, yes.

14 THE COURT: All right. And, of course, we just  
15 sentenced one of the defendants, and I indicated on the record  
16 then that I was a little surprised that the government would  
17 enter into these type of agreements in connection with this very  
18 serious offense that occurred over a three-year or more period.

19 So please address the nature of the conspiracy and why the  
20 government entered into this agreement.

21 MS. CRISHAM: Thank you, Your Honor. I will start first  
22 with the nature of the conspiracy and specifically Ms. Wang's  
23 role in it.

24 As we spoke about previously, this was a large conspiracy  
25 that spanned the country. Ms. Wang recruited women to work for

1 her as prostitutes from across the country. Most of these women  
2 were Chinese nationals. They range in age from 20 to 50. They  
3 would arrange for their own transportation here to Washington.  
4 Ms. Wang told them in their communications that they would be  
5 doing massage work. Most of the women that law enforcement  
6 interviewed told us that they either knew that this was a code  
7 for prostitution or suspected it. But there were several women  
8 who testified that they were not aware that they would be  
9 required to work as prostitutes, and they were very upset when  
10 they learned that this is what they had to do.

11 THE COURT: How many women does the government believe  
12 were involved in the conspiracy to which this defendant has pled  
13 guilty?

14 MS. CRISHAM: Your Honor, there were, I would say,  
15 probably at least 100 to 200 different women.

16 The way that this would work --

17 THE COURT: And are you saying 100 to 200 different  
18 women who came into the state of Washington as part of this  
19 conspiracy?

20 MS. CRISHAM: Yes. And we were not able to identify all  
21 of them, again. But given our knowledge of how the conspiracy  
22 worked, Ms. Wang and the organization really kind of churned out  
23 women and would keep them in various brothels here in Washington  
24 for a fairly short of period of time, usually several weeks to a  
25 month or so, and then the women would be moved kind of abruptly

1 and without warning. They would be told that they were going to  
2 a different location, and they would be transported by one of the  
3 co-conspirators to this different location.

4 THE COURT: A different location within the Western  
5 District, or outside the state?

6 MS. CRISHAM: All of the brothels that we identified  
7 were here in the state of Washington. Several over in the  
8 Eastern District. We believe that Ms. Wang was also looking into  
9 establishing or had established some in Portland as well, but we  
10 had not fully been able to develop the proof with regards to  
11 that.

12 Some of the women would eventually just leave, at which point  
13 Ms. Wang would then recruit additional women through WeChat. But  
14 there were a number of women that were constantly being shuttled  
15 through here, in Washington, to the various brothel locations,  
16 and I believe there were at least 20 or 25 that were encountered  
17 the day of the takedown, which gives some sense of the number of  
18 women that were working for Ms. Wang.

19 As I mentioned, the conspiracy operated dozens of residential  
20 brothels and apartments across the state. Many of these were  
21 very high-end apartment complexes in Bellevue or in Seattle. The  
22 conspirators, particularly Ms. Wang, would post ads on  
23 Backpage.com, and then she would negotiate, via text message, the  
24 terms and the details of prostitution with customers. Once a  
25 date was arranged, Ms. Wang, or one of her co-conspirators

1 occasionally, would then communicate with the prostitutes via  
2 this WeChat and let them know that a customer was coming, how  
3 long he had arranged the meeting to last, and how much the woman  
4 was supposed to charge.

5 THE COURT: Does the government have any idea how much  
6 money was collected by this defendant from the prostituted women?

7 MS. CRISHAM: Again, Your Honor, we believe it was  
8 likely hundreds of thousands of dollars.

9 THE COURT: Well, I mean, what you believe is --

10 MS. CRISHAM: And I can give a reason for that, Your  
11 Honor.

12 THE COURT: Pardon?

13 MS. CRISHAM: I can give a reason for that.

14 THE COURT: Well, go ahead.

15 MS. CRISHAM: When we spoke to the women, all of them  
16 were consistent that they would do between five and ten  
17 prostitution dates a day, charging between 160 and 200. At  
18 the time of the takedown, there were approximately 25 active  
19 locations. And, again, we believe that there had been  
20 approximately that many managed by Ms. Wang and her co-  
21 conspirators during the conspiracy.

22 We were not able to determine precisely where this money went  
23 or what it was used for. It was certainly used in part for  
24 renting the locations, transportation, supplies. But I think law  
25 enforcement -- it's our belief that Ms. Wang did make a

1 significant amount of money over the course of this conspiracy.  
2 The organization would take approximately half of what each  
3 prostitute would earn, and this was the ongoing agreement, that  
4 they would be consistently required to turn over that money.

5 And, again, as I mentioned, Ms. Wang was clearly the leader.  
6 She was the individual solely responsible for recruiting the  
7 prostitutes. She was the primary person posting advertisements.  
8 She was the person directing all the co-defendants to either rent  
9 apartments, to pick up money, to purchase supplies, or to  
10 transport the women to various locations. She earned the vast  
11 majority of money, and she was the one who paid Mr. Thompson,  
12 Mr. He, Mr. Wu, and others for their involvement.

13 THE COURT: How many people did she manage and direct in  
14 terms of the entire conspiracy, to the government's knowledge?

15 MS. CRISHAM: We know that she directed at least five,  
16 and those are the five named defendants. We believe that there  
17 were others as well. We were simply not able to identify those  
18 individuals.

19 And, Your Honor, we believe that a significant custodial  
20 sentence is appropriate. Ms. Wang profited financially off the  
21 vulnerability of women who were in desperate times, either  
22 financially or because of their immigration status. She told  
23 them that they would be engaging in, quote/unquote, "massage  
24 work," and then when they came here, not knowing anyone and not  
25 speaking the language, she encouraged or exploited them into



1 having sex with strangers and giving her a significant portion of  
2 the profits. These women were isolated, they didn't speak  
3 English, they didn't know the area, and they were completely  
4 dependent upon Ms. Wang and her co-conspirators. Because of her,  
5 these women were susceptible to sexual or physical assault from  
6 customers, sexually transmitted diseases, and arrests from law  
7 enforcement.

8 Many people in society argue that prostitution is a  
9 victimless crime, particularly if the prostitutes chose to be  
10 doing this. And, again, our view is that while we have no  
11 evidence that Ms. Wang ever physically abused anyone or  
12 physically forced anyone into engaging in sex work or threatened  
13 them or anything else like that, she certainly ran an  
14 organization that made significant money off other women's  
15 distress and despair. In doing so, she put people at risk, she  
16 brought crime into this community -- a number of crimes, not just  
17 prostitution, but immigration crimes, likely money-laundering  
18 crimes -- and we think that a significant sentence is necessary,  
19 and we ask that that be 24 months, Your Honor.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. ILLA: Well, Your Honor, it's not a victimless  
22 crime, and that's for sure. And we know that because of how  
23 Ms. Wang got to be where she is today. She was brought to this  
24 country and forced into prostitution for years. She was beaten,  
25 sodomized, forced to be a prostitute, brought to different

1 locations, and the folks who did this to her were the ones who  
2 profited from it, were the ones who brought her here for this  
3 purpose.

4 And when her body finally wore out, when she literally could  
5 not continue to do what they demanded, she went to the doctor,  
6 and the doctor said, "You've got to stop all of this activity;  
7 you got to take a break and get over these diseases you have  
8 contracted and recover from this." And when she went back to the  
9 people who had done this to her, who had victimized her, they had  
10 an idea, and the idea was this: If you're too worn out to make  
11 your money back for us that way, we have got another idea. And  
12 so what they did is they inserted her as the public face of this  
13 operation.

14 Now, I can prove that because I can show that up until  
15 virtually the day she was arrested, Ms. Wang was not just doing  
16 these administrative leadership-type tasks; she was also still  
17 forced to turn tricks, to be a prostitute.

18 Now, that's inconsistent with the view of her that the  
19 government presents to this Court, that she sits at the apex of a  
20 pyramid, and at that apex is the person profiting from this  
21 crime. And I don't know what [REDACTED] told the government. That's  
22 between them. I don't know what other investigations the  
23 government has going. That's their business. But as far as the  
24 concept that this woman, 4-foot-11, 28 years old, after being  
25 abused for years as a prostitute, suddenly transforms herself

1 into the mastermind of this operation, that doesn't make sense,  
2 and it's not consistent with the truth.

3 As far as this presentation I am making about her  
4 victimization, it doesn't excuse anything that she did, but it,  
5 of necessity, needs to be taken into account by this Court.

6 And the reason that Ms. Wang finally pled guilty has far less  
7 to do with [REDACTED] Her  
8 conviction at trial was virtually a certainty simply because of  
9 the way the Ninth Circuit instructions on duress and coercion  
10 read. Her assessment, which I confirmed, was that she couldn't  
11 prevail at trial, but nonetheless might have to go to trial to  
12 put her story on and to have the Court hear all of the details.

13 She made the decision to plead guilty in exchange for an  
14 agreement with the government to limit her exposure and also with  
15 the knowledge that she would still have the opportunity to  
16 present to this Court why she did this and how she finds herself  
17 here today. That's why we have put on this presentation today  
18 for the Court. It's not to diminish her responsibility for what  
19 she did, but to explain instead the position from which those  
20 decisions were made.

21 As far as the scope of this operation, what I heard the  
22 government say in response to the Court's very direct question  
23 about the number of women involved, the answer was not with any  
24 kind of precision or in reference to reports. Rather it appeared  
25 to be an estimate pulled from thin air: 100 to 200 women. With

1 the difference in that kind of range, Your Honor, it makes me  
2 question how many women the government really does contend were  
3 involved here. If it was two to three? If it was one? It  
4 doesn't matter because it's still a crime; it's still horrible  
5 about what she did. But in terms of trying to get a number up  
6 that high with no basis, I submit that's not a proper way to  
7 determine a sentence. It's not the kind of evidence the Court  
8 could say, yeah, more probably than not it's 100 or 200.

9 Likewise, when the government says that Ms. Wang made  
10 hundreds of thousands of dollars from her position here, that  
11 "hundreds of thousands of dollars" seemed to evaporate upon  
12 further questioning by the Court. Ms. Crisham, for the  
13 government, went on to try to estimate based on the number of  
14 women, times the number of dates, times the number of amounts  
15 supposedly given to Ms. Wang.

16 Any profit from this operation that went to this defendant we  
17 would assume could be traced fairly easily. She maintained bank  
18 accounts. She had a residence here. The government got all of  
19 those records through subpoena. There is no evidence of her  
20 having any kind of significant profit from this.

21 And, again, Your Honor, I come back to the common-sense  
22 thought, that for this woman to occupy this position would be  
23 unique. I have not heard the government stand up here and assert  
24 that these Chinese prostitution operations are matriarchal, that  
25 they are run by women exclusively or anything of the sort. It's

1 just the opposite, and for very good reason, because the people  
2 who run these operations use people like commodities. And the  
3 great tragedy of Ms. Wang is that by dint of her own weakness,  
4 she decided to save herself by helping them victimize others,  
5 and that is something she is living with every day, to know that  
6 even in a little way, she facilitated that. That is a tremendous  
7 burden.

8 Your Honor, what Ms. Wang wants to do at this point is close  
9 the book on this aspect of her life. She's pled guilty and taken  
10 responsibility for what she did. She doesn't make excuses for  
11 it, but she wanted the Court to know how she came to this place.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you about this, Your  
13 Honor. I believe Ms. Wang is ready to speak, at the Court's  
14 opportunity.

15 THE COURT: Thank you.

16 Let me ask the government counsel first. Does the government  
17 counsel have any evidence that suggests that she didn't get into  
18 this management role because she couldn't continue in the  
19 prostitution role?

20 MS. CRISHAM: No, Your Honor. That's the first that I  
21 have heard about that.

22 When Ms. Wang was arrested, she told law enforcement about  
23 having been prostituted. She said then, in Mexico, by someone  
24 who said she needed to prostitute to come up here. There were  
25 vague references to having to work for other people. No other

1 information besides that.

2 THE COURT: Did she make a statement to the government  
3 after she was arrested?

4 MS. CRISHAM: She did not, Your Honor.

5 And, again, I just would note that contrary to Mr. Illa's  
6 representations, we, again, throughout this three-year  
7 investigation, have no evidence at all that Ms. Wang was doing  
8 this under duress or under threats from other individuals, but  
9 that she was, in fact, running this organization.

10 I would also question or contest Mr. Illa's statement that  
11 prostitution organizations are not matriarchal. On the contrary,  
12 everything that I have seen, they actually many times are. The  
13 fact that Ms. Wang is a woman does not preclude her from being a  
14 very good businesswoman and, frankly, very successful at the job  
15 that she did.

16 THE COURT: Thank you.

17 And let me ask the probation officer: Did you interview the  
18 defendant in connection with the presentence report?

19 MR. FITZGERALD: I did, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: And the subject of why she got into running  
21 this conspiracy, was that disclosed during that interview?

22 MR. FITZGERALD: It wasn't, and she --

23 THE COURT: I'm sorry. It was, or was not?

24 MR. FITZGERALD: It was not. I mean, she discussed in  
25 generalities as far as acceptance.

1 THE COURT: So how long did you talk with her?

2 MR. FITZGERALD: An hour and a half.

3 THE COURT: And her lawyer was, no doubt, present?

4 MR. FITZGERALD: Correct.

5 THE COURT: And you didn't hear anything about this  
6 reason that counsel has now suggested to the Court as to why she  
7 is now sitting here as a defendant in a criminal case having pled  
8 guilty to conspiracy?

9 MR. FITZGERALD: On advice of counsel, the defendant did  
10 not discuss the details of her life after she left Texas. So,  
11 essentially, there's a ten-plus-year gap kind of in her history  
12 that she declined to discuss, again, on the advice of counsel and  
13 that, you know, so ...

14 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

15 Does the defendant wish to make a statement?

16 THE INTERPRETER: Yes.

17 THE DEFENDANT THROUGH THE INTERPRETER: Your Honor, I  
18 apologize for everything that I did.

19 May I have the sheet?

20 THE COURT: Certainly.

21 THE DEFENDANT THROUGH THE INTERPRETER: I feel shame for  
22 this. All this year I lived in fear. Not only I was harmed  
23 physically and emotionally, but I also have been in fear that my  
24 family might be harmed.

25 I feel very bad that I helped those who abused me and then

1 imposed damage to those being abused, just like myself.

2 After I get discharged and finish my sentence, I would like  
3 to return back to New York. I would like to be close to my  
4 children and closely embrace them and tell them how much I love  
5 them. I want to dedicate the rest of my life to become a good  
6 mother and good person. I would never make the same mistakes  
7 again.

8 Thank you.

9 THE COURT: Please remain standing.

10 MR. ILLA: Excuse me, Your Honor. There was one issue  
11 with respect to the presentence report and prior disclosures. At  
12 an appropriate time, I would like to make a record of what's in  
13 the presentence report on that issue.

14 THE COURT: Well, this would be a good time to do it.

15 MR. ILLA: Thank you, Your Honor.

16 Your Honor, in paragraph 69 --

17 THE COURT: I asked whether there were any objections to  
18 the facts. You said no.

19 MR. ILLA: No, Your Honor. I'm trying to show a fact  
20 that is in there that I agree with, that I believe supports what  
21 I said earlier.

22 THE COURT: And what paragraph is that?

23 MR. ILLA: It's paragraph 69, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Just a moment, sir.

25 MR. ILLA: And I'm looking particularly at the



1 second-to-last sentence beginning "eventually." It reads, quote,  
2 "Eventually, she approached her captors and told them that she  
3 was unable to perform physically as her body was literally  
4 breaking down. They apparently told her she could assist with  
5 the bookkeeping during half of the day, but she would be required  
6 to work as a prostitute the rest of the day," end quote.

7 I offer that, Your Honor, in support of her disclosure of  
8 this pattern. I admit that, after that, other things occurred  
9 that were not disclosed, but this is in the report as written.

10 Thank you.

11 THE COURT: All right.

12 Well, all of the facts in the presentence report have been  
13 adopted by the Court because there was no objection. One of the  
14 important things was that when she was much younger, she came to  
15 the United States and that she was then with other young  
16 girls/women, sent to Mexico, locked up, and she was a victim of  
17 human traffickers who facilitated her travel and forced her to  
18 prostitute herself. But after a month, she left Mexico --  
19 paragraph 69 -- came to the United States. She was again locked  
20 up and forced to prostitute herself for approximately one month,  
21 according to the presentence report. And then at some point  
22 thereafter she approached her captors, told them she was unable  
23 to perform physically, as counsel has indicated, and they told  
24 her she could assist with bookkeeping and she would be required  
25 to work as a prostitute.

1 Now, what's also stated in the presentence report, which is  
2 important I think, is that she is married -- she has been married  
3 for, I believe, nine years -- and has two children. Those facts  
4 speak a little differently in terms of her last eight or nine or  
5 ten years of activities.

6 The Court's view is that particularly someone who was  
7 subjected to human trafficking and forced to prostitute herself  
8 would clearly know the impact on other victims, should she then  
9 begin a ring of prostitution herself, and would have even more  
10 knowledge about the impact that that has on women.

11 I'm not satisfied that there's any real evidence of what  
12 counsel for defense has suggested, that somehow everything she's  
13 done was forced upon her. I think the fact that she has a family  
14 back in New York speaks volumes for, more likely than not, that's  
15 not the case.

16 The defendant had an opportunity to talk with the government  
17 somewhat after she was arrested. Nothing of that nature was  
18 disclosed. She met with the probation officer for over an hour  
19 and a half. And although the activities when she was 18 or 19,  
20 17 or 18, in Mexico, and coming to the United States was  
21 discussed and is in the presentence report, there was no  
22 disclosure to the probation officer about the other arguments,  
23 many of the arguments that counsel has made.

24 The guidelines are 27 to 33 months in this case. The  
25 question is, what, considering all of the factors, is an

1 appropriate sentence under all the circumstances?

2 The Court is required to first look at the nature of the  
3 offense. And as we've indicated, this conspiracy to essentially  
4 organize and run a prostitution ring lasted for more than three  
5 years. That's not in dispute. It's not in dispute that on the  
6 day this arrest occurred that there were 20 to 25 women who were  
7 present at the locations in this community where the arrests  
8 occurred. The women have represented to the government that they  
9 were required to prostitute themselves five times a day. Charges  
10 of 160 to 200 dollars were made, and apparently the women kept  
11 some, but at least half was given to this defendant. This  
12 defendant went out and organized and encouraged and solicited the  
13 help of other defendants who have now pled guilty, and those  
14 defendants went out and actually located locations, apartments,  
15 places where the sex trafficking could occur throughout this  
16 community. There were numerous locations that were obtained by  
17 Mr. Thompson and by the others that are in the case. So she was  
18 not only organizing the transportation of these women; she was  
19 organizing others who were finding the locations. Those people  
20 then went out and collected the money, supplied the supplies.  
21 This went on for not a week or a month or a year, but over  
22 approximately a three-year period. The nature of the offense is  
23 very troubling to the Court.

24 The Court recognizes the history and characteristics of the  
25 defendant and the problems that she had and her own prostitution

1 requirements that she was forced to do when she was a young  
2 woman, but she didn't disclose any details of her personal  
3 history after she left Texas and made her way to New York,  
4 married and had children. She's the identified leader of the  
5 conspiracy that we know of that occurred in this community.

6 I'm satisfied that a sentence at least within the guideline  
7 range is necessary and appropriate, and I'm not satisfied with  
8 the recommendation that either probation or the lawyers have  
9 recommended of 24 months. I just don't think that's an  
10 appropriate sentence, given the nature and extent of this  
11 prostitution ring that this defendant managed over a long period  
12 of time.

13 It will be the judgment of the Court that the defendant be  
14 sentenced to a term of 30 months in prison, which is the midpoint  
15 of the guideline range. I think the guidelines, although they  
16 have been declared not binding on me, they give an idea, they  
17 give a starting point. And under all the circumstances in this  
18 case, I'm satisfied that they -- and a midpoint range is  
19 appropriate, but not more than necessary. Frankly, I could see  
20 even a much higher sentence.

21 But it will be the judgment of the Court that this defendant  
22 be committed to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for a period  
23 of 30 months, followed by a period of supervised release of three  
24 years, rather than one year as recommended by probation. I find  
25 that the defendant does not have an ability to pay a fine. I

1 will waive the fine. Assess the \$100 special assessment.  
2 Supervised release will be subject to all of the standard  
3 conditions as well as the special conditions that are outlined in  
4 the sentencing recommendations.

5 I advise the defendant that to the extent she has not waived  
6 her rights of appeal, any appeal must be filed within 14 days of  
7 the time I sign the judgment.

8 And I will ask counsel if she's got a judgment to present.

9 MS. CRISHAM: I do, Your Honor.

10 MR. ILLA: Your Honor, we would request a placement  
11 recommendation at FDC.

12 THE COURT: I'm not going to make that recommendation.

13 MR. ILLA: Thank you, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: It's a 30-month sentence. I'm not going to  
15 make that recommendation.

16 MR. ILLA: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 I have reviewed --

18 THE COURT: She has no -- her family is in New York, is  
19 it not?

20 MR. ILLA: That's correct, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Yeah.

22 MR. ILLA: Your Honor, I have reviewed the proposed  
23 judgment prepared by the Assistant U.S. Attorney. I believe it  
24 comports with the Court's oral rulings.

25 May I hand it forward?

1 THE COURT: Thank you, counsel.

2 MR. ILLA: Thank you, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Was the Superseding Indictment just one  
4 count?

5 MS. CRISHAM: It was, Your Honor, yes.

6 THE COURT: And was it an Information?

7 MS. CRISHAM: It was an Information. I'm sorry. Yes.

8 THE COURT: What did it supersede, the Indictment?

9 MS. CRISHAM: Yes, there was a Superseding Indictment  
10 that had --

11 THE COURT: One of the special conditions is that the  
12 defendant have no contact with some people who are listed by  
13 initials.

14 Does the government need to file something that would  
15 designate who they are? I mean, there's just initials in this  
16 document.

17 MS. CRISHAM: I can do that, Your Honor, because I  
18 think, unlike other cases, it may well be that Ms. Wang does not  
19 know the names of those individuals.

20 THE COURT: Well, is there any reason why we shouldn't  
21 say that she should have no direct or indirect contact with any  
22 woman that was involved in this conspiracy?

23 MS. CRISHAM: Yeah. I think that's probably a cleaner  
24 way of doing it.

25 THE COURT: Well, that will be the order of the Court.

1 I have signed the judgment. It will be filed.

2 Anything further to come before the Court?

3 MS. CRISHAM: No. Thank you, Your Honor.

4 MR. ILLA: Nothing further.

5 THE CLERK: We will be in recess on this matter.

6 (Adjourned.)

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10 I, Nickoline M. Drury, RMR, CRR, Court Reporter for the  
11 United States District Court in the Western District of  
12 Washington at Seattle, do certify that the foregoing is a correct  
13 transcript, to the best of my ability, from the record of  
14 proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

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17 /s/ Nickoline Drury

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